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accomplish. So I would say that if you want to support this resolution, remember one thing, that a Constitution has to be short and concise and the more we add to it and try to put in as Senator Lewis tried, some of the regulations. We don't want to do that. We just want it vague so we can enforce it. So this is the reason that I say support this and get it over with and get it out of the way. It is going to be in the archives back in Washington. We have got a whole room full of them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Murphy's intent and purpose of the resolution. I'd remind you only that we in Nebraska live under a constitutional amendment which says that we shall have a balanced budget or that we shall not go into debt. I don't think it is unreasonable we bring to the attention of Congress that this is necessarily a bad situation. The resolution merely attempts to call to Congress' attention that possibly there should be an amendment to the Constitution that would prohibit that body from exceeding its receipts in relationship to its expenditures and I think that most of the citizens will judge us by our judgment and now is the time to exercise good judgment and move LB 106 forward.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: If we are going to adopt a constitutional amendment, I think we had better read it and I haven't heard anybody talk about the language in this constitutional amendment. Senator Murphy, it is your suggestion so I would like to have you help explain this to the Legislature before we adopt it. You know, we apparently got into a great deal of difficulty here with the Equal Rights amendment where we were the first state to adopt it and then it was alleged and we had confessions coming out of all kinds of members of the Legislature subsequent to it that they had never read it. They just voted for it and sent the resolution along to Congress and then two years later they had to reverse themselves. So I think we should read this one. It says in the absence of a national emergency. I assume this is the language that the amendment will contain and the language that we are endorsing be adopted. In the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress in any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year. Is that the language you want in the Constitution?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Then what does a national emergency mean?

SENATOR MURPHY: John, a national emergency, and I am sure